Copy.

~~At Goodell's Boston~~,

Leicester, April 29. 1853.

Dear Mr. Foster;

I duly rec'd. your note of the 25th inst.; and at ~~the~~ a meeting of the Board of Managers on Wednesday, 27th ~~this day~~ ~~to them~~ I laid the ~~note~~ matter before them, reading your letter and ~~the~~ a copy of ~~the note I wrote~~ mine to you from ~~this~~ this place, a week since ~~Leicester~~. The Board unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Foster be directed to cease from the sale of Goodell's "Slavery & Antislavery", while acting as an Agent of this Society, in view of the falsifications of Antislavery history, and the misstatements as to the action of the American Antislavery Society & its members, contained in that work.

Resolved, That the Agents of this Society be instructed to consult the General Agent as to the books they take out for sale, and to offer none which are not approved of by the Board of Managers through their General Agent.

If you require me any thing, but please to communicate the ~~foregoing~~ votes to your ~~(illegible)~~ as early as I presume they will be [illegible] on your part to your reputation & your usefulness.

As your last note to me was written on

the supposition that the Board of Managers had then acted on the subject of Mr. Goodell's book, — & as your resignation, therein contained, was offered on that supposition; — and as they had not then acted upon the subject, I do not feel that we are authorised to accept your resignation, on the strength of ~~your said~~ that note, ~~that letter~~. You will please, therefore, let me again hear from you.

~~If you are anything but pleased to communicate the above note; for I am sorry to lose your services from our Society, which I hope we shall, that~~ You will permit me to say that I cannot reconcile, with my past belief either of your candour, ~~or~~ of your friendliness to the Am. A. S. Society & its members, ~~both sides~~, the position you have taken, in this case, ~~by~~ You manifest a fixed determination to sell & circulate Goodell's, although knowing ~~as you do~~ from my repeated statements, that the members of the Am. A.S. Society, regard this book, ~~without inquiring into the reasons which~~ ~~I informed you, led the veterans of our Society~~ ~~declared that~~ as a falsifying of the history of that Society; ~~and~~ ~~to decide against the~~ ~~A.S. Society~~ ~~Assoc~~ of the members of the same ~~Assoc~~ ~~to treat worthiness~~ ~~with~~ and you with all rejection of my suggestion that you should have an interview on this subject with those persons who can fully inform you concerning the matter.

Will you, if you please, inform me whether you wrote to Mr. Lewis Tappan, or other person, in New York, to obtain a ~~considerable~~ supply quantity ~~quantity~~

of this book for sale? also, what number of them you have sold, ~~as~~ while travelling as an Agent of this Society?

Does it come within your view of what is fair & just that, as an Agent of this Society, you should, unknown to us, apply to a man so hostile to us, and so in this warfare as Lewis Tappan, for publications to be sold by you? I do not mean to imply by this that you thought, ~~of it~~, for an instant, that anything was out of the way, or intended any unfairness to us. I am sure you did not. But I want you to think, ~~of this~~ a little, of what you have done.

With the ~~exception~~ of the resolutions, the whole of this letter is ~~any~~ individual affair; but you may make what use of it you think proper.

I am. Very truly

Yours, Saml. May Jr

P.S. You ~~did profess~~ express friendship to our Society, still, and a readiness to help us. This we are glad to know. But are you ~~not~~ acting in consistency with this profession, when you circulate a book which slanders ~~the Society~~ us? ~~and the man with~~ & are ready to ~~whom you have been connected~~? And since we have declared, that ~~book to be~~ a false & injurious account of the American A. S. Society, I see not how you can continue to circulate it, ~~without becoming one of our accusers~~ & be truly a friend

The
D. Foster
Correspondence

MS. B. 1.6 v. 4, p. 69